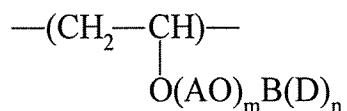


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A dispersible composition comprising
a polymer compound,
a functional substance, and
~~a solvent or a dispersion~~ an aqueous medium,
the polymer compound ~~comprising~~ being an amphipatic block polymer compound
including a hydrophobic block segment having a monomer unit represented by the
general formula (1)



wherein

A is a straight-chain or branched alkylene group of 1 to 15 carbon atoms with or without substitution; m is an integer of 0 to 30, and when m is 2 or more, A is the same or different with each other;

B is a single bond or an alkylene with or without substitution;

D is an aromatic ring unsubstituted or substituted with alkyl or alkoxy;

n is an integer of 1 to 10, and

when n is 2 or more, D is the same or different with each other; and

wherein the polymer compound is a block polymer; and

wherein the functional substance is encapsulated in the polymer compound.

2. (original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer compound further contains a residue selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acid ester, carboxylic acid and carboxylic acid salt.
3. (original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer compound is amphipathic.
4. (canceled)
5. (original) The composition according to claim 4, wherein the monomer unit of the general formula (1) is incorporated in a hydrophobic block segment of the polymer compound.
6. (canceled)
7. (original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the functional substance is a colorant.
8. (previously presented) A toner composition comprising a dispersible composition according to claim 1, wherein said functional substance is a colorant.
9. (previously presented) An ink composition comprising a dispersible composition according to claim 1, wherein said functional substance is a colorant.
10. (original) The ink composition according to claim 9, wherein the polymer compound further comprises a residue selected from the group consisting carboxylic acids, carboxylic acid esters and carboxylic acid salts.
11. (original) An image forming method comprising a step of applying a dispersible composition according to claim 1 onto a recording medium to form an image.
12. (canceled)